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<u>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Twice amended) An avian cell line, comprising avian cells which are immortalized, but untransformed, [and resistant to apoptosis,] the cells comprising, integrated into their genome, an antiapoptotic <u>bcl-2</u> gene.--

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

8 -6. (Twice amended) The cells according to claim, wherein [they] the cells

[comprise an expression cassette which expresses a] express a heterologous nucleotide sequence.--